

SENATE INTERNAL AFFAIRS v. CASSUES
NOVEMBER 30, 2017

I. PRETRIAL MOTIONS

A. Plaintiff:

1. Cassidie-Anne Toussaint on behalf of Senate Internal Affairs

B. Defendant:

1. Doudy Cassues

C. Remarks from Chief Justice Eisinger:

1. I am Chief Justice Cooper Eisinger, with me are associate judges Manger Tiuso, Camilo Garcia, and Ana Carolina Andrade. This hearing is Senate Internal Affairs v. Cassues. It will proceed as follows: Opening statement and any evidence by the plaintiff, opening statement and any evidence by the defendant, then we will have a rebuttal and closing statements by the Plaintiff, followed by a rebuttal and closing statement by the defendant. I will then bring the hearing to a close. Since the defendant has not shown up, this hearing and future ruling will be held in absentia.

Ms. Toussaint you may begin your opening statement.

II. HEARING:

- A. Trial Start Time at approximately 1:30-1:33 P.M.

B. Plaintiff's Opening Statement:

Time allotted: Unlimited.

Plaintiff: Hello my justices and chief justice my name is Cassidie-Anne Toussaint I am the internal affairs chairwoman today I bring forth to you this case, in which this senator in question: Doudy Cassues failed to complete multiple requirements as a senator and I am requesting that he be removed from office. Here is evidence the office hours as well as the minutes (I apologize for the messiness) but the office hours and minutes that were recorded at the meetings as well as my own attendance sheet and you will note that on the office hours his name is not present which means that he did not complete them or attempt to complete them. And that concludes my opening statement, thank you.

Justice Magner: I'm seeing here that he was absent, did he ever send in any excuses or?

Plaintiff: No, he has not sent any excuse for his absences or notify me.

Chief Justice Eisinger: What about office hours?

Plaintiff: He has never replied to any email or texts that I have sent him.

B. Defendant's Opening Statement:

Time allotted: Unlimited.

Defendant not present (held in absentia).

Chief Justice Eisinger: So, next we will have the opening statement, and any evidence presented by the defendant, but since he has not showed up we will move to the closing or rebuttal from the Plaintiff.

C. Plaintiff's Closing Statement:

Time allotted: Unlimited.

Plaintiff: So, my biggest concern is the senators are not completing their requirements as stating in the constitution and I have gone out of my way to you know, sending emails reminding them "you know you are on the brink of impeachment/being removed from office" or "if you have any questions or concerns please feel free to email or contact me back I am available and understanding" and this particular senator, since he was elected to be in internal affairs he never responded to it and has shown up to senate I believe once or twice and that is it, and he has never communicated it to anyone, I'm sure if he's not doing his office hours and he's not doing or attending senate then he is not doing anything outside of that. Another thing I wasn't able to include was he wasn't able to complete his ten-week report requirement I am more than sure that he has not met with his dean or attend any SGA events, as to my knowledge. It would be unimaginable that a senator were to receive a stipend or you know, have the title as Senator when they've done nothing for the students that they were elected by.

Justice Garcia: Can you please explain the report is because I not to familiar with it.

Plaintiff: Yes! So, as a senator you are required to submit 2 ten week reports showcasing what you have done as a Senator so far and within that report you are supposed to say when you met with your dean and how this is benefiting your college experience. And due to the hurricane as I mentioned before, there was a two week extension to complete their report and a couple of senators did not complete that and I sent out an email of course, letting them know that they have an extra week to complete it and they did not.

Justice Andrade: I know you mentioned that he didn't submit the report but do you know if they have been working in any projects within their college or within SGA?

Plaintiff: As for that senator in particular no, unfortunately he's a lower division senator and I personally have not seen anything that the lower division has done. I believe only one remained and we just elected a new one because two resigned, with the fear of being removed from office. I know that the only lower division senator who was has organized food pantry drive that we're doing right now and he's been working with other entities from my knowledge I had never heard this senator in question help him out with that.

D. Defendant's Closing Statement:

Time allotted: Unlimited.

Defendant not present (held in absentia).

E. Chief's Justice Closing Remarks:

Chief Justice Eisinger: With that we would go to the defendant with a closing statement and rebuttal to the Plaintiff's claims but since he is not here it will be an act of absentia and since this happens I will bring this hearing to a close, and will go into deliberations and will get a result back in 10 business days, Thank you.